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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV PFOR WB GE UR

SUBJECT: ALLIED PRESS LINE ON APPEARANCE OF NVA VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL IN WEST BERLIN

REFS: (A) USBER 2243; (B) USBER 2241; (C) STATE 266274

- 1. EMBASSY DOES NOT CONCUR IN PRESS LINE WHICH WOULD QUOTE SOVIETS AS ADMITTING TO VIOLATION AND SAYING IT WAS INADVERTENT.
- 2. PRESS LINE WAS DISCUSSED AT TRIPARTITE MEETING
  AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 10 ON BASIS OF FINAL PARA OF
  REF (B), BEFORE RECEIPT OF REF (A). FRENCH REP
  (BOISSIEU) POINTED OUT THAT QUOTING SOVIETS AS HAVING
  ADMITTED TO MISTAKE NOT ONLY WAS UNPRECEDENTED BUT ALSO
  WOULD BE ALMOST CERTAIN TO EVOKE A SOVIET DENIAL, THUS
  LEADING TO ESCALATION OF INCIDENT. UK AND US REPS
  AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOLITIC TO USE THIS LINE.
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3. WE AGREE THAT ALLIED PRESS STATEMENT SHOULD BE AIMED AT PUTTING INCIDENT TO REST AND AT ANSWERING GERMAN QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER ALLIES PLAN TO TAKE RETALIATORY OR CORRECTIVE ACTION. WE THUS CONCUR IN FIRST AND THIRD SENTENCES OF TEXT IN PARA ONE, REF (A). FRENCH ARE OBSERVING HOLIDAY TODAY, BUT USE OF THESE TWO SENTENCES WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LINE AGREED UPON IN TRIPARTITE DISCUSSION. HILLENBRAND

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